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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED OCTOBER 14, 2003

Dear Sir:

This reply is being filed in response to the Office Action of October 14, 2003 in connection with the above-identified patent application. Applicants also hereby petition for a one-month extension of time, thereby extending the time for response through February 17, 2004 (Monday was a Holiday). The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 19-5425 in connection with fees associated with this petition and for fees associated with the application in general.

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